

REMARKS

The Office Communication mailed June 3, 2003, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-14 and 18 have been canceled as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Responsive to the Office Communication, the applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Office Communication. The applicants submit that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance and does not require additional action on the merits.

Information Disclosure:

The applicants herewith submit an information disclosure in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

Claim Objections:

Claims 15 and 19 stand objected to. The applicants have amended claims 15 and 19 to remove the non-elected invention.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph:

Claims 19 to 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The applicants have amended claim 19 as suggested by the Office Action, thereby mooted the current rejection.

CONCLUSION

The applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should any question remain after consideration of the above amendments and remarks, the Office is kindly invited to contact the applicants' representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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